



Brindishe
Federation

Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Friday 17th July 2026



Celebrating The Year & Summer Wishes

As we reach the end of another fantastic school year at Brindishe Schools, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on our achievements and extend my heartfelt thanks to you all for your ongoing support.

As parents/carers your encouragement, involvement, and partnership have been invaluable. Whether you've attended school events, supported learning at home, or volunteered your time, we are truly grateful.

Our pupils have grown in so many ways—academically, socially, and personally. We are proud of their hard work, resilience, and kindness. From classroom successes to acts of friendship and community spirit, every child has contributed to making our schools positive and thriving places.

A huge thank you to our dedicated teaching and support staff. Their commitment, creativity, and care have made a real difference to our children's learning and wellbeing.

We hope you and your families have a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer break. Take time to relax, recharge, and make special memories together.

We look forward to welcoming all our pupils back in September, ready for new learning and adventures together.

Mrs Waite, Ms Porter, Ms Matthews and Ms Bannister.

Catford Library Summer Reading Challenge 2026

The Summer Reading Challenge—a national initiative that helps boost children's reading skills and confidence while encouraging a lifelong love of reading will take part this coming summer, 2026.

During the challenge, children can read anything they choose over the summer holidays and collect free rewards along the way. The programme runs throughout the holidays and is open to all children aged 4–11.

Lewisham are also hosting a special awards ceremony at Catford Broadway on 29th October for children who read all 6 books. The award ceremony will be a fantastic opportunity for families to celebrate the achievements of all the children who took part in the challenge.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss arrangements, please do not hesitate to get in touch. They are looking forward to working with families and inspiring pupils this summer.

[For more information - Click Here](#)



Let's Go Zero - Counting our Carbon Footprint

We're excited to share that as part of the Let's Go Zero campaign, the Brindishe Schools have been working hard to reduce our carbon footprint. Through a range of initiatives – from improving energy efficiency to making more sustainable choices across our schools – we've taken meaningful steps to protect our planet for future generations. This is an important part of our commitment to teaching our pupils about environmental responsibility and showing them that positive change is possible. We are thrilled to inform you that all of our hard work has paid off - Across Brindishe Schools we have reduce our carbon footprint by **82 tonnes CO2e** , which is equivalent to 12% of our baseline data*

*about the same amount of carbon produced as 19 million smart phone charges!

- Fuel: 29 tonnes CO2e saved.
- Electricity: 10 tonnes CO2e saved
- Purchasing: 43 tonnes CO2 equivalent saved
- Brindishe Green – shift from 45% to 80% of students walking, cycling or scooting
- Brindishe Manor – shift from 85% to 92% of students walking, cycling or scooting
- Brindishe Lee – vegetarian / vegan food uptake increased



"We've installed LED lighting across the school"
"We've introduced recycling stations in every classroom"
"We're now sourcing more local, seasonal food for school meals"



Pupils have been involved too ...

"Our eco-council has been leading assemblies on climate action"
"Year 5 pupils conducted an energy audit"
"Children are learning about sustainability through our curriculum"

We have also made significant culture and curriculum changes .

A huge congratulations to the schools, children, staff and parents/carers and the team across the federation for their hard work and dedication to the Let's Go Zero Commitment. We are sure Year 2 will be an even bigger success!

How we intend to strengthen this further:

- Further work on measures to deal with heatwaves
- Monitor energy use on a regular basis through dedicated platforms
- Investigate the potential for solar panels
- Further work on increasing biodiversity to support local wildlife e.g. add a pond, plant pollinator-friendly plants, put up birdfeeders, bat boxes and 'bug hotels'
- Provide bicycle shelters
- Install EV charging points
- Install water butts to harvest rainwater



"'On the very first day... they put up... the carbon footprint of the school... so instantly that focused my attention on, 'wow the school is putting this front and center'...(Member of PTA)"

Online safety advice for families for the summer holidays

With the summer holidays approaching, many children will be looking forward to spending more of their free time online — and for lots of children, that means gaming.

Online games can be a brilliant way for children to have fun, connect with friends and build confidence, but it's important they know how to play safely and understand the rules of the spaces they're in.

Internet Matters offer free guidance to help you support your child with online gaming, including how to understand community rules, avoid warnings or bans, and start positive conversations about the games, apps and videos they enjoy.

Ask them a question to get a conversation going

"What game are you playing at the moment?" Sometimes, the simplest questions start the most important conversations.

Internet Matters have partnered with Ukie to create a free [Conversation Guide](#) to help parents and carers turn everyday chats about games, videos, and apps into opportunities to talk about online safety with your child.

Ask About Games also offers [guides](#) to hundreds of online games, to help you find the games that are the perfect match to the age and interests of your family.



Family First

Family First was founded in 2017 with a simple mission: to empower parents and schools with the necessary resources to improve the well-being of children and young adults across the UK. By promoting a happier and healthier family lifestyle, Family First has achieved remarkable success since its inception. This success has attracted the attention and support of esteemed organisations such as Public Health England's Change4Life, Mumsnet, Argos, ASDA, Sainsbury's and many more, as well as prominent sports entities and leading family brands in the UK. Through these partnerships, Family First has been able to expand its reach to even more parents, encouraging them to reduce screen time, engage in physical activities, and adopt healthier eating habits.

[Magazines of Family First can be found here](#)

FamilyFirst



Level up this summer! Muay Thai, dance and mentoring programme



Three days of energy, culture and confidence

Muay Thai movement
Urban dance vibes
Mentoring and life skills
Confidence and discipline

**Tuesday 4 August to
Thursday 6 August 2026**

Ages 10–13
Morning session
11am–1pm

Ages 14–18
Afternoon session
1.30–3.30pm



Hosted by

MGMGYM

Why MGM?

A local space known for Muay Thai, dance and positive community energy, helping young people grow through movement and mentorship.

Contact

welcome@mmgym.co.uk
07915 440362

All are welcome

Oak Gardens Primary School
St Nicholas Street,
Deptford SE8 4QF



Registration required

Limited spaces available

Parental consent required for Under 18s

Scan the QR code to register



Lewisham

YOUTH GROUP!

**For young people seeking asylum, refugees, and
Ukrainian nationals, living in Lewisham, age 11-19**



WHAT'S ON?

- Creative activities and games
- Food and refreshments
- Study space available
- Relax and socialise

WHEN?

Every other **Tuesday** from
11th August, **5-6:30pm**

WHERE? Our youth club is near Fordham Park in
Deptford/New Cross. Venue shared on sign-up.

To sign up or refer a young person, contact **Hannah** at
+44393461324 or **southresettlement.ts@refugeecouncil.org.uk**

All questions welcome

Key Federation Dates

- End of Summer Term - Friday 17th July
- Start of Autumn Term 2026 - Thursday 3rd September 2026
- INSET DAY - Friday 27th November 2026

Brindishe Schools Governing Body

Governing Body meetings are regular and meet every half term. Parents/carers are more than welcome to attend our meetings as 'observers'. This means you can sit and observe the meeting but will be unable to speak/comment and would need to leave the meeting during confidential items.

If you would like to know more about the governing body or you would like to attend one of our meetings, please email Rachel Waite - rawaite@brindisheschools.org. An email to confirm attendance at the meeting will need to be received before a parent/carer can join the meeting.

Our first meeting for 2026/2027 will be held on Thursday 15th October at Brindishe Green School - 6pm.

EXCITING ACTIVITIES

Explore - Play - Discover



MULTISPORTS



A different adventure every day! Try exciting sports, fun games, and action-packed challenges.



DANCE



Six themed dance workshops, six chances to shine! Learn routines, build confidence, and perform with friends.



FOREST SCHOOL



Explore, build, discover and create in the great outdoors with our qualified Forest School Leaders.

Dance & Forest School available on selected days & venues



SPORTACUS

SUMMER ACTIVITY CAMPS



BIG ON SPORT - BIG ON FUN

SPORTACUS SUPER DAYS

Big Activities. Bigger Smiles.



NERF





INFLATABLES





WATER DAYS





WIN IT WEDNESDAY





Take your summer to the next level with our action-packed Sportacus Super Days! From epic Nerf Battles and giant Inflatables to refreshing Water Days, exciting Themed Days, and our ever-popular Win It Wednesday, there's always something extra to look forward to. Bigger adventures, bigger smiles, and unforgettable memories await!